

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 28, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that by this response all bases of rejection and objection are traversed. Upon entry of this response, Claims 1-12 and 15-19 remain in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Claim 14 has been canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 8 used the descriptor "high melting point" for oxygenates used in the invention. Claim 8 has been amended to quantify the chemicals to ones having 12 or more carbon atoms. Support for this is found in paragraph 34, where it is specifically stated "alcohols having 12 or more carbons," and lists as an example for a sugar ester, Sorbitan Monostearate, which is an oxygenate having 24 carbons.

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Monick (US 3,183,068). Monick teaches a solid fuel gel comprising 60-95% alcohol and 2-6% of a gelling agent. Claim 1 has been amended to better define the invention, and provides for a solid fuel comprising a solid fuel and a solid oxidant selected from the group consisting of sodium percarbonate, carbamide hydrogen peroxide, organic peroxides, and mixtures thereof. Monick does not teach the use of a solid oxidant from this group, therefore it is submitted that the amended Claim 1 is not taught, anticipated, or rendered obvious by the reference. Claims 2-4 and 6 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1 and through this dependence are not taught, anticipated, or rendered obvious by the reference.

Claims 5, 9-12, 14-16 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 was rewritten to be dependent on Claim 7, which is allowable, and therefore is allowable. Claim 14 depended from Claim 1, and has been incorporated into Claim 1, and therefore the amended Claim 1 is rewritten in a form that is allowable. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 9-12, 15-16

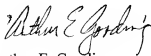
and 19 depend, either directly or indirectly, from the amended Claim 1 and through this dependence are now in a form that is allowable.

Claims 7, 17 and 18 were found to be allowable.

In summary, Claims 1-12 and 15-19 remain in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Claim 14 has been canceled. Remarks have been made pointing out the differences between the present invention and the prior art references traversing all of the Examiner's rejections and objections. Accordingly in view of the remarks, applicants assert that Claims 1-12 and 15-19 meet all statutory requirements and respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above identified application he is cordially invited to contact applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number.

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